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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

FPPC No.: 00/62

BENJAMIN S. ELIAS,  
BEN S. ELIAS FOR ASSEMBLY, and  
ARMEN ELIAS

STIPULATION, DECISION, and  
ORDER

Respondent

Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Respondents Benjamin S. Elias, Ben S. Elias for Assembly, and Armen Elais hereby agree that this stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability of Respondents.

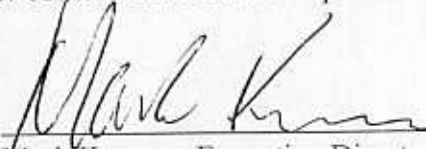
Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in section 18361 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be

1 represented by an attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all  
2 witnesses testifying at the hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an  
3 impartial administrative law judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the  
4 matter judicially reviewed.

5 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents Benjamin S. Elias, Ben s. Elias for  
6 Assembly, and Armen Elias committed one violation the Political Reform Act as described in  
7 Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth  
8 herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

9 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.  
10 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in  
11 the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). A cashier's check from Respondents in said  
12 amount, made payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this  
13 stipulation as full payment of the administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of  
14 California until the Commission issues its decision and order regarding this matter. The parties  
15 agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall become null  
16 and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the  
17 stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this  
18 stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in  
19 the event the Commission rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the  
20 Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive  
21 Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

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23 Dated: 15 July 2003

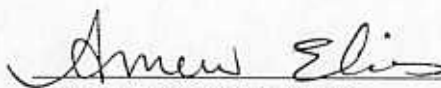
  
Mark Krausse, Executive Director  
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Benjamin S. Elias, Respondent

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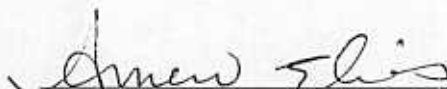
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Armen Elias, Respondent

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Ben S. Elias for Assembly

By: Armen Elias, Treasurer

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10 **DECISION AND ORDER**

11 The foregoing stipulation of the parties "In the Matter of Benjamin S. Elias, Ben S.  
12 Elias for Assembly, and Armen Elias, FPPC No. 00/62," including all attached exhibits, is  
13 hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission,  
14 effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Liane M. Randolph, Chairman

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